

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) [[A]] An automated method, comprising:
receiving a search query from a user;
receiving ~~first-search~~ search results, as first-search results, based at least in part on a
~~search performed using responsive to~~ the search query;
performing a search of a history database using the search query to obtain search results,
as second-search results, the history database storing information regarding documents
previously accessed by the user;
comparing documents corresponding to the second-search results to documents
corresponding to the first-search results to determine whether a document corresponding to one
of the second-search results matches a document corresponding to one of is present in the first-
search results;
adding the one of the second-search results to the first-search results when the document
corresponding to the one of the second-search results [[is]] does not present in match a document
corresponding to any of the first-search results;
modifying the one of the ~~second~~ first-search results, for which the corresponding
document matches the document corresponding to the one of the second-search results, within
the first-search results by moving a position of the one of the ~~second~~ first-search results relative
to a position of another one or more of within the first-search results when the document

corresponding to the one of the second-search results is present in matches the document

corresponding to the one of the first-search results; and

outputting the first-search results with the added second-search result or the modified
second first-search result.

2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, where the receiving search results,
as first-search results, includes:

transmitting the search query to an external search engine, the search engine generating
the first-search results,

intercepting the first-search results, and

parsing the first-search results to identify information contained in the first-search results.

3. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, where the performing a search of
a history database includes:

identifying one or more search terms used in the search query,

using the one or more search terms to search the history database.

4. (previously presented) The method of claim 3, where the one or more search
terms are identified from information returned from a search engine.

5. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, where the first-search results
include links to documents.

6. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
ranking the second-search results by at least one of date, relevancy to the search query, or
a measure of interest in the second-search results by the user.

7. (canceled)

8. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, where the adding the one of the
second-search results includes:

placing the one of the second-search results at a prominent position in the first-search
results.

9. (previously presented) The method of claim 8, where the adding the one of the
second-search results further includes:

highlighting the one of the second-search results at the prominent position in the first-
search results.

10. (canceled)

11. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, where the modifying the one of the
~~second~~ first-search results includes:

moving the position of the one of the ~~second~~ first-search results a predetermined number of positions towards a top of the first-search results.

12. (canceled)

13. (previously presented) The method of claim 11, where the predetermined number of positions is user-configurable.

14. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, where the modifying the one of the ~~second~~ first-search results further includes:

highlighting the one of the ~~second~~ first-search results within the first-search results.

15. (canceled)

16. (canceled)

17. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, where the second-search results are associated with ~~local~~ documents stored locally to a device performing the method.

18. (currently amended) The method of claim 17, where the ~~local~~ locally-stored documents include at least one of e-mails, images, application files, audio files, or video files.

19. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, where the second-search results are associated with ~~local~~ first documents that are stored locally to a device performing the method, and ~~non-local~~ second documents that are not stored locally to the device.

20. (currently amended) A device, comprising:

means for obtaining search results, as first-search results, based at least in part on a search performed on a document corpus using a search query from a user;

means for generating search results, as second-search results, based at least in part on a search performed, using the search query, on information regarding documents previously accessed by the user;

means for determining whether documents corresponding to any of the second-search results match documents corresponding to the first-search results;

means for adding one or more of the second-search results to the first-search results when ~~none of the documents corresponding to the one or more of~~ the second-search results ~~match do~~ not match any of the documents corresponding to the first-search results;

means for modifying one of the first-search results by changing a position of the one of the first-search results within the first-search results only when a document corresponding to one of the second-search results matches a document corresponding to the one of the first-search results; and

means for outputting the first-search results with the added one or more second-search results or the modified one of the first-search results.

21. (currently amended) A system, comprising:

a history database ~~configured~~ to store information regarding documents previously accessed by a user; and

a browser assistant ~~configured~~ to:

- obtain search results, as first-search results₁, based at least in part on a search performed on a document corpus using a search query,
- obtain search results, as second-search results₂, based at least in part on a search performed on the history database using the search query,
- determine whether one of the second-search results is included within the first-search results,
- add the one of the second-search results to the first-search results when the one of the second-search results is not included within the first-search results,
- modify one of the first-search results₁, ~~that corresponds to~~ for which a document that corresponds to the one of the first-search results matches a document corresponding to the one of the second-search results₂, by moving the one of the first-search results a particular number of positions toward a top of the first-search results when the one of the second-search results is included within the first-search results, and
- present either the first-search results with the added one of the second-search results or the first-search results with the modified one of the first-search results to the user.

22. (currently amended) A computer-readable ~~medium~~ memory device that stores instructions executable by at least one processor to perform a method for providing search results, the computer-readable ~~medium~~ memory device comprising:

instructions for obtaining a search query;

instructions for obtaining search results, as first-search results, based at least in part on an Internet search performed using the search query;

instructions for performing a search of a history database using the search query to obtain search results, as second-search results, the history database storing information regarding documents previously accessed by a user;

instructions for comparing documents corresponding to the second-search results to documents corresponding to the first-search results to determine whether a document corresponding to one of the second-search results is included within matches a document corresponding to one of the first-search results;

instructions for adding the one of the second-search results to the first-search results when the document corresponding to the one of the second-search results ~~is not included within~~ does not match a document corresponding to any of the first-search results;

instructions for modifying one of the first-search results, for which a corresponding document matches the document corresponding that corresponds to the one of the second-search results, by changing a position of the one of the first-search results ~~within~~ relative to a position of another one or more of the first-search results when the document corresponding to the one of the second-search results ~~is present within~~ matches a document corresponding to the one of the first-search results; and

instructions for presenting the first-search results with the added one of the second-search results or the first-search results with the modified one of the first-search results.

23-59. (canceled)

60. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
obtaining one or more advertisements relating to the search query; and
presenting the first-search results with the added second-search result or the modified ~~second~~ first-search result, and the one or more advertisements.

61. (currently amended) The method of claim 60, where the obtaining one or more advertisements includes:

sending the search query to an external server that is located external to a device that is performing the method, and

obtaining, from the external server, the one or more advertisements that relate to the search query.

62. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, where the performing the search of the history database includes:

performing a local search, within one or more memory devices associated with a device that is performing the method, using the search query without transmitting the search query on a network.

63. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, where receiving search results, as the first-search results, includes:

transmitting the search query on a network to an external search engine, and

receiving the first-search results from the external search engine; and

~~wherein~~ where performing the search of the history database includes:

performing a local search of the history database without transmitting the search query on the network to obtain the second-search results.

64. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

~~permitting providing an option to the user, selection of the option causing the to turn off~~
modifying of the one of the ~~second~~ first-search results within the first-search results to be turned off.

65. (new) The device of claim 20, where the means for modifying the one of the first-search results includes means for moving the position of the one of the first-search results a particular number of positions towards a top of the first-search results.

66. (new) The device of claim 20, where the means for modifying the one of the first-search results includes means for placing the one of the first-search results at a prominent position within the first-search results.

67. (new) The system of claim 21, where, when obtaining search results, as the second-search results, the browser assistant is configured to perform the search of the history database, using the search query, without transmitting the search query on a network.

68. (new) The system of claim 21, where the browser assistant is further configured to provide an option for causing the modifying of the one of the first-search results to be turned off.

69. (new) The computer-readable memory device of claim 22, where the instructions for modifying the one of the first-search results includes instructions for moving the position of the one of the first-search results a particular number of positions towards a top of the first-search results.

70. (new) The computer-readable memory device of claim 22, further comprising:
instructions for providing an option to the user, selection of the option causing the modifying of the one of the first-search results to be turned off.

71. (new) A computer-readable memory device that stores instructions executable by at least one processor, the computer-readable memory device comprising:
one or more instructions to receive a search query from a user;
one or more instructions to transmit the search query on a network to obtain search results, as first-search results, based at least in part on a search performed using the search query;

one or more instructions to perform a search of a history database, using the search query, to obtain search results, as second-search results, the history database storing information regarding documents previously accessed by the user;

one or more instructions to determine that a document corresponding to one of the second-search results matches a document corresponding to one of the first-search results within the first-search results;

one or more instructions to move a position of the one of the first-search results relative to a position of another one or more of the first-search results to create modified first-search results; and

one or more instructions to present the modified first-search results to the user.

72. (new) The computer-readable memory device of claim 71, where the one or more instructions to move the one of the first-search results includes one or more instructions to move the position of the one of the first-search results a particular number of positions towards a top of the first-search results.

73. (new) The computer-readable memory device of claim 71, where the one or more instructions to move the one of the first-search results includes one or more instructions to move the position of the one of the first-search results to a prominent position within the first-search results.